

MORLEY LOSE IN "DEATH OR GLORY" FINISH AT ARDSLEY

East Ardsley 58, Morley 53

A DEVASTATING spell of bowling by Bob Pearson who returned 7 for 28 shattered Morley's hopes at Jeffrey Field and also affected their chances of promotion.

Morley were challenging strongly for promotion to the First Division and when East Ardsley were sent back for only 58, the Scatcherd Lane challenge seemed stronger than ever.

Wallis and Lamming opened for East Ardsley to the bowling of Squire and Marwood. Runs came steadily until Lamming (23), was caught by Hayes off Marwood at 32. This was the start of what may perhaps be described as procession number one, the second being formed later by ten of Morley's batters.

Chappel came next and was caught by Howley off Lawrence who had replaced Squire and had an even better analysis than Pearson with 6 for 13.

Two wickets had fallen for 38 and opener Wallis (17), was Lawrence's victim four runs later.

Bromley failed to score, being caught behind by Fairburn off Lawrence, 4-42, and when Watson was bowled by change bowler Wilson for 10, five wickets were down for 52. Lawrence and Wilson shared the next five wickets for only six runs, and East Ardsley's chances of picking up five points seemed very remote.

Then came an astonishing illustration of the old adage that runs on the board are often harder to get than those still to get.

Marwood, who has two centuries to his credit this season, and Jimmy Leathley, who made 69 with Leeds Zingari on Monday, opened the Morley innings to the bowling of Pearson and Williams. Marwood was caught off Pearson before a run had been scored, and Leathley made a single before being l.b.w. to Pearson with the total at five. Hayes and Lees were sent back by Pearson without scoring, and the first four men had scored only one run between them out of a total of four.

Pearson continued to pile on the agony by having Lawrence caught by Birdsall at nine. Woods and Fairburn raised the hopes of the Scatcherd Lane supporters, taking the score from nine to 31 for six at which total Fairburn was sent back by change-bowler Kevan, for five.

Morley were still in the game with a chance but disaster piled on disaster when all-rounder Squire was run out and Chris. Leathley was caught off Pearson, both without scoring.

All-rounder Wilson, who has often helped to get Morley out of trouble, came next but was bowled by Pearson without troubling the scorers—42-9—and this left first-wicket man Woods with Howley to 'try' and save the day.

Howley helped Woods to make 10 and in a death or glory finish Howley was run out with six runs needed for victory.

In his many years as an all-rounder Bob Pearson has been a very valuable asset to several teams and has many outstanding performances to his credit. He came into the Jeffrey Field team on Saturday after being out of action, for almost three months due to an accident at work, and will be remembered by Morley supporters for some time to come.

EAST ARDSLEY.—Wallis b Lawrence 17; Lamming c Hayes b Marwood 23; Chappell c Howley b Lawrence 0; Watson b Wilson 10; Bromley c Fairburn b Lawrence 0; Proctor st Fairburn b Lawrence 5; Kevan lbw Lawrence 1; Bedford b Lawrence 0; Williams not out 0; Birdsall b Wilson 1; Pearson b Wilson 0; extras 1; Total 58.

MORLEY.—Marwood c Bedford b Pearson 0; J. Leathley lbw Pearson 1; Woods not out 38; Hayes c Watson b Pearson 0; Lees b Pearson 0; Lawrence c Birdsall b Pearson 2; Fairburn c Chappell b Kevan 5; Squire run out 2; C. Leathley c Birdsall b Pearson 0; Wilson b Pearson 0; Howley run out 2; extras 3; Total 53.

Bowling.—Morley: Squire 5-2-14-0; Marwood 11-0-29-1; Lawrence 10-2-13-6; Wilson 4-3-1-3. East Ardsley: Pearson 13.3-2-28-7; Williams 9-3-16-0; Kevan 4-2-6-1.



East Ardsley C.C. (left to right) back row, B. Kaye, D. Tate, R. Williams, G. Proctor, I. Kevan, A. Drewry. Front row, B. Wallis, P. Bedford, S. Bowers (capt.), A. Pearson, B. Lamming.

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